

Department of Public Health
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Section:
TABLE OF STANDARDS

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Subject:
Categorically Needy

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References: 20 CFR 416.410 & .412, 42 CFR 435.601(b) and (d)(2);
ARM 37.82.101

GENERAL RULE--Effective January 1, 2006 use the following Tables of Standards to determine resource and income eligibility for categorically needy coverage:

RESOURCES: Individual \$2,000

Couple \$3,000

INCOME STANDARDS: Individual living in the community. \$603

Couple living in the community \$904

► Individual living in an institution. \$ 30

The Categorically Needy Income Standards are the benefit amounts paid by the Social Security Administration to Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cash recipients.

Applicants with monthly countable income equal to or less than these income standards are categorically needy Medicaid eligible. This means that they are considered to be qualified for SSI money payments if they choose to apply (MA 200). Categorically needy Medicaid recipients are eligible for Medicaid without an incurment, even though their income is actually higher than the medically needy income standard.

Applicants with monthly countable income in excess of these income standards are **not** categorically needy eligible. However, these applicants may be eligible for medically needy coverage.

► SSI cash assistance recipients' income is not tested to this standard by the agency prior to granting Medicaid eligibility. This determination has been done by the Social Security Administration prior to issuing SSI benefits for SSI cash assistance recipients, and therefore they are assumed to meet this criteria.

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